

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1237 PRIORITY  
INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ABLD, PDIP  
SUBJECT: TAXES ON PROPERTY OWNED BY USG IN SOUTH AFRICA

REFS: (A) PRETORIA 2686, (B) 2 FAM 270

1. IN FURTHER RESEARCHING QUESTION RAISED IN REFTEL A, THE EMBASSY IS OF THE OPINION THAT IT IS LIABLE TO PAY SUCH TAXES ON THE PROPERTY IT OWNS IN SOUTH AFRICA OTHER THAN THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCES IN CAPE TOWN AND PRETORIA. THE EMBASSY NOW BASES THIS VIEW ON AN OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM, DATED JANUARY 31, 1956, IN WHICH THE SAME GENERAL QUESTIONS, AS RAISED REFTEL A, WERE ADVANCED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR RESPONSE. THE DEPARTMENT'S AIRGRAM, A-53 OF FEBRUARY 9, 1956, SAID IN EFFECT THAT THE EMBASSY IS REQUIRED TO PAY SUCH PROPERTY TAXES AS MAY BE LEVIED AGAINST USG-OWNED HOUSES IN SOUTH AFRICA AS REQUIRED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

2. THE EMBASSY REGRETS ITS ACT TO "RE-INVENT THE WHEEL" IN THIS RESPECT, BUT WILL APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT PROPERTY TAXES, EXCEPT FOR THE RESIDENCES OF THE AMBASSADOR, SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PAID.

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